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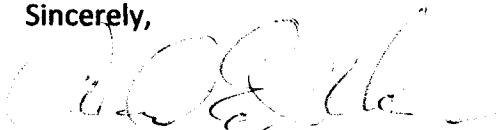
Att: Docketing Dept.

Gentlemen:

I'm a retired professional leaving on a fixed income with my wife. I was shocked to hear that S.C.E. & G. has requested a rate increase of an extraordinary amount of money. They, along with many others, fail to understand that this country is in a recession. Money is extremely tight and this rate increase will have a devastating effect for both retired people, others of low income and those who have lost their jobs. I'm sure that their current accounts receivables are not 100%. Therefore, why would you want to burden your customers even more and add additional customers to the "un-collectable list."

I'm requesting that the Commission say "no" at this time for a rate increase.

Sincerely,



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Reference Docket No. 2009-489-E
Dear Sirs:

I would like to express my disapproval to your rate hike request. This request should be withdrawn and I believe the following facts should support this.

- SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008.
- New rate hike will boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer by about \$140 a year by July 2011.
- For Duke Power customers, the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93, following its recent rate increase. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. The rate boost, if granted, would put it at \$130.
- SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

Thank you for your consideration.
Regards,


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Re: South Carolina Gas & Electric Rate Increase
Docket No. 2009-489

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to register my objection to SCG&E's additional rate hike proposal. It is egregious, against public policy and certainly not in the best interest of South Carolinians. SCG&E has had a number of recent rate hike increases, some of which carry forward into future years. As matters stand, its rates are already higher than those of its public and investor owned competitors.

In these times when many South Carolinians are having to decide whether to get either prescriptions filled or groceries or pay the rent, the mere attempt to obtain additional rate increases is, at best, mendacious. Please, please consider SCG& E's customers whose only choice in face of an additional rate increase would be to add having no heat to the existing list of physical pain, hunger, and a place to raise their families.

Sincerely Yours,



William S. Michael

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